

**Auraria Higher Education Center
Office of the Executive Vice President for Administration
Administrative Policies and Procedures**

Policy #28 – Weapons Policy

Page 1 of 2

Approved: September 17, 2003

EVPA Signature:



**RESOLUTION AND POLICY
RE: WEAPONS ON CAMPUS**

WHEREAS, the possession of firearms, explosives, and other weapons on or within the Auraria campus, leased buildings, areas under the jurisdiction of the Auraria campus police department, or other areas where such possession interferes with the learning and working environment of the Auraria campus (collectively referred to herein as the "Auraria campus") is inconsistent with the academic missions of Auraria's constituent institutions and seriously undermines them; and

WHEREAS, such possession creates a threat to the safety and welfare of students, employees, and visitors on the Auraria campus; and

WHEREAS, such possession threatens the tranquility of the educational environment on the Auraria campus in an intimidating way and contributes in an offensive manner to an unacceptable climate of violence; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the possession of firearms, explosives, or other weapons on the Auraria campus is prohibited.

A "weapon" shall include anything likely to be used, or designed to be used, in destroying, defeating, or injuring a person; an instrumentality designed or likely to produce bodily harm; or an instrument by the use of which a fatal wound may probably or possibly be given. A "weapon" may include, but is not limited to, the following: any firearm, BB gun, pellet gun, bow & arrow, cross-bow, slingshot, cross-knuckles, knuckles of lead, brass or other metal, any bowie knife, dirk, dagger or similar knife, or any knife having the appearance of a pocket knife, the blade of which can be opened by a flick of a button, pressure on the handle or other mechanical contrivance. The policy is not intended to include standard cosmetic, wardrobe or convenience items such as tweezers, nail clippers, mini Swiss army knives, and belts and belt buckles.

A harmless instrumentality designed to look like a firearm, explosive, or other

weapon which is used by or is in the possession of a person with the intent to cause fear in or assault to another person is expressly included within the meaning of a "weapon."

Auraria Higher Education Center Office of the Executive Vice President for Administration Administrative Policies and Procedures	
Policy #27 – Weapons Policy	Page 2 of 2

Possession of firearms, explosives, or other weapons is permitted (1) for peace officers or (2) for others who have a legitimate purpose for such possession directly related to their education or employment on the Auraria campus and have written permission from the Auraria Chief of Police.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that any individual who is found in the unauthorized possession of firearms, explosives, or other weapons on the Auraria campus and who is found to have intentionally or recklessly used or possessed such weapons in a way that has intimidated, harassed or injured persons on the Auraria campus or that has otherwise interfered with the learning and working environment of the Auraria campus shall be banned from the Auraria campus. This section is not intended to limit the authority or discretion of Auraria’s constituent institutions to discipline their respective students or employees.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution and policy is intended to clearly state expected standards of personal conduct for employees, students, and visitors on the Auraria campus.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that to the extent that AHEC policies need to be amended or supplemented to reflect the intent of this resolution and policy, the Executive Vice President for Administration is directed and authorized to proceed to make such changes.

Approved by the Auraria Board of Directors on September 17, 2003

WEAPONS POLICY GUIDELINES FOR FACULTY AND STAFF

1. AHEC and the Auraria Campus, including the Community College of Denver, the Metropolitan State College of Denver and the University of Colorado at Denver (hereafter referred to as "the Institutions") are in formal support of the "Resolution and Policy Regarding Weapons on Campus" adopted by the Auraria Board on September 17, 2003. In addition, the institutions and AHEC have agreed to the following principles of enforcement.
2. Possession of weapons on campus will be treated as a serious violation of the Auraria Board's "Resolution and Policy Regarding Weapons on Campus".
3. The Institutions and AHEC have adopted a "No tolerance" policy for faculty or staff who possess any illegal weapons as defined by law or defined in the "Resolution and Policy Regarding Weapons on Campus".
4. Should a weapon be discovered in the possession or control of a faculty or staff member on campus the following procedures will apply:
 - a. In all cases where a weapon is discovered, Auraria Campus Police **WILL be notified immediately.**
 - b. The Auraria Campus Police will re-advise the employee of the Auraria "No Weapons" policy.
 - c. The Auraria Campus Police will ask the employee for identification, and in cases of a handgun, the employee will be asked to present their "Concealed Weapons Permit."
 - d. If the employee has the proper permits for possession of a handgun, and if it is the employee's first violation of the policy for possession of a weapon of any kind, the Auraria Campus Police will escort the employee off campus and instruct the employee not to return to campus with the weapon. Auraria Campus Police will document the matter and notify the appropriate supervisor of the violation.
 - e. If the employee possesses a firearm without a lawfully issued permit, the Auraria Campus Police will confiscate the weapon, arrest the employee, and report the incident to the appropriate supervisor and HR department.
 - f. In all cases where a weapon is discovered, the Auraria Campus Police will refer the matter to the Institution's Human Resources department and the appropriate supervisor for appropriate action.

5. In the rare case where an employee has received express written permission to carry a weapon on campus through Auraria Campus Police, a copy of such permission will be forwarded to the Institution's Human Resources department.

AURARIA STUDENT JUDICIAL PROCEDURES RE: WEAPONS ON CAMPUS

The Judicial Officers from the Auraria Campus, including the Community College of Denver, the Metropolitan State College of Denver and the University of Colorado at Denver (hereafter referred to as “the Institutions”) are in formal support of the Auraria Board of Director’s “Resolution and Policy Regarding Weapons on Campus” adopted on September 17, 2003. In addition, the Judicial Officers from the institutions have agreed to the following principles of enforcement with regard to Auraria students:

1. Possession of weapons¹ on campus will be treated as a serious violation of the Institution’s Student Codes of Conduct and the Auraria Board “Resolution and Policy Regarding Weapons on Campus”.
2. The Institutions have adopted a “no tolerance” policy for students who possess any illegal weapons as defined by law or defined in the Institution’s respective Student Codes of Conduct.
3. Should a weapon be discovered in the possession or control of a student on campus the following procedures will apply:
 - a. In all cases where a weapon is discovered, Auraria Campus Police ***WILL be notified immediately.***
 - b. The Auraria Campus Police will re-advise the student of the Auraria “Resolution and Policy Regarding Weapons on Campus” and the Student Code of Conduct.
 - c. The Auraria Campus Police will ask the student for identification, and in cases of a firearm, will be asked to present their “permit to carry.”
 - i. If the student has the proper permits for possession of a firearm, the Auraria Campus Police will escort the student off campus and instruct the student not to return to campus with the firearm. The Auraria

1 Definition of “weapon” as articulated in the “Resolution and Policy Regarding Weapons on Campus” adopted by Auraria Board of Directors on September 17, 2003:

A ‘weapon’ shall include anything likely to be used, or designed to be used, in destroying, defeating, or injuring a person; an instrumentality designed or likely to produce bodily harm; or an instrument by the use of which a fatal wound may probably or possibly be given. A ‘weapon’ may include, but is not limited to, the following: any firearm, BB gun, pellet gun, bow & arrow, cross-bow, slingshot, cross-knuckles, knuckles of lead, brass or other metal, any bowie knife, dirk, dagger or similar knife, or any knife having the appearance of a pocket knife, the blade of which can be opened by a flick of a button, pressure on the handle or other mechanical contrivance. The policy is not intended to include standard cosmetic, wardrobe or convenience items such as tweezers, nail clippers, mini Swiss army knives, and belts and belt buckles.

A harmless instrumentality designed to look like a firearm, explosive, or other weapon which is used by or is in the possession of a person with the intent to cause fear in or assault to another person is expressly included within the meaning of a d/weapon

Campus Police will document the matter and notify the appropriate judicial officer of the violation. The judicial officer will follow up with a written warning that any future violation will be treated as a serious matter and may result in suspension or expulsion².

- ii. If the student possesses a firearm without a lawfully issued permit, the Auraria Campus Police will confiscate the weapon, arrest the student, and report the incident to the appropriate judicial officer.
 - d. In all cases where a prohibited weapon is discovered, the Auraria Campus Police will refer the matter to the Institution's Judicial Officer for disciplinary action.
4. In the rare case where a student has received express written permission to carry a weapon on campus through Auraria Campus Police, a copy of such permission will be forwarded to the Institution's Judicial Officer³.
5. In the case where a weapons violation occurs with a student who enrolled in more than one institution on the Auraria Campus, the matter will defer to the "home" institution's judicial procedures. The outcome of such disciplinary proceedings will be provided, in writing, to the other institution's Judicial Officer(s) who will assure that the sanction can not be evaded by changing home institutions.
6. The Judicial Officer(s) at the Institutions, in collaboration with the Auraria Higher Education Executive offices and the Auraria Campus Police will review and revise these procedures as deemed necessary.

2 Possession of firearms, explosives, or other weapons is permitted (1) for peace officers or (2) for others who have a legitimate purpose for such possession directly related to their education or employment on the Auraria campus and have written permission from the Auraria Chief of Police.

3 Applications to obtain permission to carry a weapon on campus may be obtained from the Auraria Chief of Police.

Adopted: November 30, 2003

Auraria Campus Police

Heather Coogan, Chief of Police

Auraria Higher Education Center

Barb Wieske, Director, Tivoli Student Union

Community College of Denver

Felicia Patterson, Vice President, Student & Enrollment Services

Kim Poast, Dean of Students

Metropolitan State College of Denver

Karen Raforth, Vice President & Dean of Student Life

University of Colorado at Denver

Obe Hankins, Director of Student Life